

Price Raise Is Anticipated By Fuel Chief

Administrator Reported to Believe Plan for Inquiry Will Permit Muzzling of the Public

Declines to Talk On Resignation

Union Leaders Urge Men to Return to Work and Supply Country's Needs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (By
The Associated Press)

The Associated Press).—Fuel Administrator Garfield's resignation was in the hands of President Wilson to-night. Dr. Garfield resigned because he disagreed in principle with the coal strike settlement proposal arranged by the government and the mine workers' union.

The Fuel Administrator refused to confirm, deny or discuss the report, but at the White House it was said a personal letter from him had been transmitted to the President late in the afternoon.

Men close to Dr. Garfield under-

stand that he believes the work of the commission authorized under the settlement, to be made up of one coal mine operator, a coal miner and a third person named to represent the public, will result in an increase in the price of coal to the consuming public.

Garfield Against Policy

Dr. Garfield has been opposed to this form of a settlement. He took no part in the negotiations with the mine union chiefs during the last week, and, although he was informed

and consulted after their initiation, the terms laid out as finally accepted contravene his conception of the main principle involved.

It was recalled in connection with the resignation that in suggesting a 14 per cent wage increase as fair for the miners and possible to be paid from

profits of mine owners, Dr. Garfield suggested a commission representative of the industry to review the findings, but expressed the conviction that such a body should not have power to fix prices. His belief is said to be that with this power granted a combination of the employer and employee in the industry to muzzle the public by price raises is certain to result.

Whether the President will accept the resignation is not known. Members of the cabinet are known to be supporting the settlement program, but through Attorney General Palmer.

Wilson Commends Union Officials

President Wilson to-day telegraphed Acting President Lewis of the coal miners' union his appreciation of the "patriotic action" taken by the miners.

The telegram follows:
"May I not express to you, and through you, to the other officers of your organization, my appreciation of the patriotic action which you took at Indianapolis yesterday? Now we must all work together to see to it that a settlement just and fair to every one

To that message Mr. Lewis replied: "I am honored in the receipt of your message wherein you commend as patriotic the action of the mine workers' conference of yesterday. Your recognition of this fact, I am sure, will be echoed by the American people. The mine workers are profoundly impressed with the assurances of fair dealing which were here extended. The situa-

which you have extended. The sincere cooperation of myself and associates will be given to the end that final settlement will comprehend every element of justice and right."

**Country's Need for Fuel
Emphasized in Circular
To Be Sent to Miners**

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 11.—Members of the United Mine Workers of America are urged to return to work with the least possible delay in order that the public needs for coal may be promptly met, in a circular prepared by the international officials of the organization this afternoon, and which will be sent to the 4,000 local unions and districts.

The circular was issued to supplement instructions sent out last night by wire and contains an explanation of the action of the general committee in voting to accept the President's proposal for settlement of the strike.

Acting on the directions contained in the telegrams of last night, many miners reported for work to-day and

indications were that practically all mines which have been idle since the walkout on October 31 will resume operation to-morrow. Reports from